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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Franciscus Laurens MOLL et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace now pending claims 1, 4-16, 18-28, 31, 33, 36, 38-39, and 41 with the following:

1. (Amended) Device suitable for internally supporting vessels in particular circular vessels in the non-medical and medical fields, said device comprising:
- an outer wall, and
  - an inner wall in association with the outer wall, whereby both the inner and outer wall are expandable and contractible between an expanded support position, in which support position the outer wall contacts an internal surface of the vessel to be supported

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